

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation into Statements by
SBC Communications, Inc. and SBC Pacific Bell
Regarding Potential Reductions to Service
Quality.

Investigation 02-11-008

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING WORKSHOP ON DISCOVERY AND RELATED ISSUES**

On April 10, 2003, Commissioner Wood issued the Scoping Memorandum for this proceeding. The Scoping Memorandum spelled out in detail the sorts of information on which the Commission will rely in reaching a decision about the effect of force reductions on the service provided by SBC. The Scoping Memorandum contemplates that SBC will supply documents that track relatively closely filings it already makes in other proceedings. However, some portion of the data that Commissioner Wood ordered to be produced will require separate compilation by the Respondents.

In order to clarify the discovery obligations placed on the Respondents and other data management and procedural issues raised by the Scoping Memorandum, the Commission has scheduled an all-day workshop on Wednesday, May 21. Topics to be discussed at the workshop include definitions of terms used in the Scoping Memorandum, discovery timetables, the form and format in which discovered items should be produced, and any other matters whose early clarification will make for a smoother proceeding.

The Commission's Telecommunications Division will conduct the workshop under my direction. Although the workshop discussion will not be transcribed, the Commission will supply a court reporter to record a summary of the results of the workshop sessions, which recording will be supplied to all participants. I anticipate issuing a supplemental discovery ruling based on the workshop results.

The workshop will be held at San Francisco Civic Center Complex, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Room #4, San Francisco, California, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be one-hour lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. The workshop will conclude at 4:00 p.m. A court reporter will be available during the last hour of each session.

Dated April 24, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KARL J. BEMESDERFER

Karl J. Bemesderfer
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Workshop on Discovery and Related Issues on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated April 24, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO

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